



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Confirmation No. 8006

Kouichirou HIRATA et al.

Docket No. 2001_1888A

Serial No. 10/018,974

Group Art Unit 1645

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Examiner Jana A. Hines

METHOD FOR THE DETECTION OF STREPTOCOCCUS
SOBRINUS AND ANTIBODY USED THEREFOR

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
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Sir:

Petition hereby is made for a two month extension of time to respond to the communication of April 9, 2003.

The fee of \$410.00 is

submitted herewith.

to be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0975. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Small entity status of this application is established by a Small Entity Status Assertion which

is enclosed.

has been previously submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

Kouichirou HIRATA et al.

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